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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1756

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: MAYORS TAKE OFFICE: OPPOSITION MOVES TO END COALITION

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1. MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS IN EL SALVADOR'S 261 MUNICIPALITIES TOOK OFFICE AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 1 DESPITE THE FACT THAT CENTRAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CCE) OFFICIALS CONTEND THEY ARE STILL UNABLE TO ISSUE OFFICIAL VOTE TALLIES OR EVEN ANNOUNCE THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES WON BY EACH PARTY. UNO LEADERS, WHO PRIVATELY CLAIM TO HAVE WON MAJORITIES IN AS MANY AS 150 MUNICIPALITIES, BELIEVE THEY WERE PERMITTED TO TAKE OFFICE IN ABOUT 20, INCLUDING 10 OF SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT'S 19 MUNICIPALITIES. IN MOST CASES, THE TRANSFER OF POWER WAS PEACEFUL AND AMICABLE. HOWEVER, IN THE SMALL TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO CHINAMECA IN LA PAZ DEPARTMENT, A GROUP OF CAMPESINOS QUIXOTICALLY ATTEMPTED ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 30 TO INAUGURATE THE UNO SLATE WHICH HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENTAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL. THE CELEBRATION WAS SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER, FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD PROMPTLY ROUNDED UP SOME 150 PERSONS. AT LEAST ONE PERSON WAS REPORTEDLY

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KILLED BY THE TROOPS AND ABOUT 100 CAMPESINOS TRAVELED TO THE

CAPITAL TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE PDC HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE SITUATION CALMED.

2. IN SALVADOR, OUTGOING PDC MAYOR CARLOS HERRERA REBOLLO TURNED OVER POWER TO JOSE ANTONIO MORALES EHRlich, ALSO OF THE PDC, BUT NOT BEFORE DELIVERING A PARTING SALVO AT THE PARTY, WHICH HAD REFUSED TO RENOMINATE HIM. HE DENOUNCED ALL POLITICAL PARTIES "WITHOUT EXCEPTION" AS CORRUPT AND UNETHICAL.

3. A CCE OFFICIAL TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT IT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY NEXT WEEK THAT THE PCN WON 36 SEATS IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, UNO 15 AND FUDI ONE EVEN THOUGH THE OFFICIAL VOTE COUNT HAS YET TO BE RELEASED. IN THE INTERIM, PDC LEADERS HAVE DECIDED TO PUSH FOR AN END TO THEIR COALITION IN UNO WITH THE MNR AND ESPECIALLY THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED UDN AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PCN.  
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